

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for the contained inspection and possible transportation of a ~~potentially dangerous~~ suspicious object, the apparatus comprising:

an inspection unit, the inspection unit including ~~at least a~~ lid first section and a second ~~base~~ section, ~~the inspection unit able to open to receive the object and then close to provide a sealed airtight environment for manual inspection of the object, the~~ lid first section and the base second section being substantially-rigid, ~~the inspection unit also including at least one glove member allowing a user external to the sealed environment of the closed inspection unit to manipulate the object within the closed inspection unit; and, the lid section including supporting sides and a transparent top surface positioned above the base section. the supporting sides including at least one glove member, the inspection unit further including a seal disposed below the at least one glove member and between the supporting sides and the base section when the inspection unit is closed so as to provide the sealed airtight environment; and~~

a transportation unit, the transportation unit including at least a first section and a second section able to open to wholly receive the inspection unit and then close to provide a further sealed airtight environment containing the inspection unit, the first section and the second section of the transportation unit being ~~substantially-rigid~~.

2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of the supporting sides is at least a portion of the inspection unit is substantially-transparent.

3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least a portion of ~~a body section or the~~ a base section of the inspection unit is opaque, preferably of a dark colour.

4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the object is an envelope, mail, package, parcel, letter or the like.

5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the lid first-section and the second-base section of the inspection unit are adapted to be clamped or latched together.

6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the lid first-section and the second-base section of the inspection unit are hinged together.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the transportation unit can generally be lifted and moved by a single person.

9. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the user can visually inspect the object in the inspection unit.

10. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein two glove members are provided.

11. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first section and the second section of the transportation unit are adapted to be clamped together.

12. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the transportation unit is double walled with two independent airtight seals the first section and the second section of the transportation unit each including corresponding faces which when in contact provide two independent airtight seals between the external environment and the further sealed airtight environment containing the inspection unit.

13. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the first section of the transportation unit is a lid section and the second section of the transportation unit is a body section or a base section.

14. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein the lid section and the body section or base section of the transportation unit are adapted to be press-sealed together.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the inspection unit also includes integrated magnifying means in the first lid section.

17. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the transportation unit includes internal padding or shock absorbing material.

18. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein closure of the transportation unit securely holds the inspection unit placed therein.

19. (Currently Amended) Device for the contained inspection and safe transportation for further examination, ~~if required,~~ of received suspicious mail, the device comprising:

a substantially-rigid inspection unit that is able to open to receive the suspicious mail and then close to provide a sealed airtight environment, the inspection unit including a lid section and a base section which are adapted to provide the a-sealed airtight environment, the inspection unit allowing a user to visually inspect the suspicious received-mail placed in the inspection unit, the inspection unit also including one or more glove members allowing the user to manipulate the mail within the inspection unit; and, the lid section including supporting sides and a transparent top surface located above the base section, the supporting sides including at least one glove member, the inspection unit further including a seal disposed below the at least one glove member and between the supporting sides and the base section when the inspection unit is closed so as to provide the sealed airtight environment; and

a substantially-rigid transportation unit adapted to wholly receive and secure the inspection unit after user inspection of the mail and to provide a further sealed airtight

environment and physical protection for the inspection unit during transportation.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the inspection unit is provided with a sealable port to receive a probe.

22. (Previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 21, wherein the inspection unit is provided with a further sealable inspection port having a diameter substantially larger than the sealable port.

23. (New) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein each of the first section and the second section of the transportation unit includes an inner wall laterally spaced apart from an outer wall such that the transportation unit is a double walled structure; and wherein the two independent airtight seals are provided in the form of a first airtight seal located adjacent the inner wall and a second airtight seal located adjacent the outer wall.

24. (New) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the first airtight seal and the second airtight seal are provided in the form of concentric gaskets.

25. (New) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein an insulation material is disposed between the inner wall and the outer wall.

26. (New) The device as claimed in claim 19, wherein at least one of the supporting sides is transparent.